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SUBJECT: LOS CONFERENCE

1. DURING DISCUSSION OF LOS ISSUE MAR 15, SOLICITOR GENERAL MENDOZA TOLD POL COUNSELOR THAT FIRST ISSUE THAT WOULD ARISE AT NEW YORK CONFERENCE WOULD BE OVER SO-CALLED SINGLE TEXT. MANY DELEGATIONS WOULD CRITICIZE IT. WHEN POL COUNSELOR SAID HE DOUBTED ANY AGREEMENT COULD BE DEVELOPED WITHOUT SOME KIND OF NEGOTIATING PAPER, MENDOZA SUGGESTED THAT CHAIRMAN AMERSINGHE SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO ALL THAT TEXT IS NOT DRAFT TREATY AND THAT SILENCE ON TEXT WOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS SILENT ENDORSEMENT.

2. MENDOZA SAID HE THOUGHT IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THERE COULD BE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ON ALL ISSUES AT NEW YORK CONFERENCE. RATHER THAN CAUSE MEETING TO FOUNDER, HE THOUGHT IF FAR BETTER FOR CONFEREES TO DECIDE TO AGREE ON A FEW

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KEY ISSUES SUCH AS "TERRITORIAL SEA AND ECONOMIC ZONE."

WHEN POL COUNSELOR SAID AGREEMENT ON TERRITORIAL SEA WITHOUT AGREEMENT ON STRAITS PASSAGE WOULD BE UNLIKELY, MENDOZA WRYLY CHANGED THE SUBJECT. HE REITERATED NEED SEVERAL TIMES LATER ON TO ATTEMPT TO PRESERVE SOME FORM OF AGREEMENT.

3. MENDOZA ASKED WHETHER U.S. WOULD PRESS FOR ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IF NO AGREEMENT ACHIEVED IN NEW YORK. POL COUNSELOR SAID PRESSURES ON U.S. TO MAKE UNI-LATERAL SETTLEMENT IN INTERESTS OF FISHERIES AND OTHER SPECIAL INTERESTS WERE OBVIOUSLY SIGNIFICANT. NEVERTHELESS WE HAD INVESTED CONSIDERABLE EFFORT IN REACHING AGREEMENT. RATHER THAN PLAN FOR "NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE" WE BELIEVED ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD MAKE AN ALL OUT EFFORT FOR THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE.

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